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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/778,107, filed February 7, 2001, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/047,373, filed March 25, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,279,353.

For (Title): ELECTRIC FURNACE EXTENSION METHOD AND EXTENSION APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL FIBER GLASS PREFORM

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1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
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2. The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

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3. A Check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. Cancel claims _____ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Continuation Division Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/778,107 filed February 7, 2001, which in turn is a Divisional Application of Parent Application No. 09/047,373 filed March 25, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,279,353. The disclosures of the prior applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--
7. Formal drawings (Figs. 1-12) are attached.
8. Priority of foreign application No. 9-71590 filed March 25, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/047,373 on June 11, 1998.
10. A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
11. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
12. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____.--
13. The prior application is assigned of record to THE FURUKAWA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. recorded at Reel 9251, Frame 0088 on June 11, 1998.
14. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
15. A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
16. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
17. Small entity status:
 a. A small entity statement is attached.
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 c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
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